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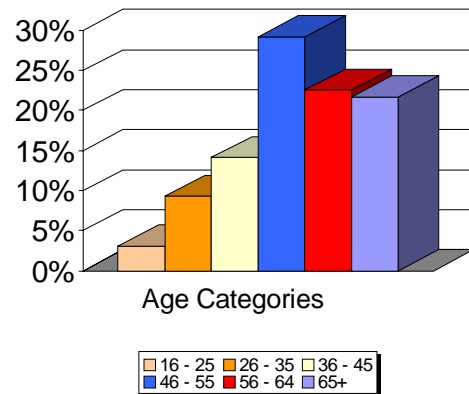
Results from the 1997 Southeast Socioeconomics Marine Angler Survey*



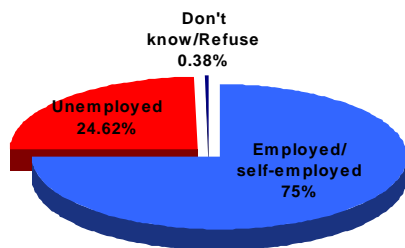
Facts about the Anglers:

- § About 53% of the Georgia anglers surveyed own a boat used for recreational saltwater fishing.
- § The anglers surveyed spent on average \$158 per day on boat fees when fishing on a party charter or rental boat.
- § Travel and lodging expenses averaged \$16 per trip for anglers interviewed on multi-day trips.
- § About 10% of anglers surveyed who were employed gave up some income by taking a day of fishing. The average income "missed" was around \$154 per trip.
- § The anglers surveyed who live in-state have been fishing an average of 17 years.
- § About 16% of the anglers surveyed were women.

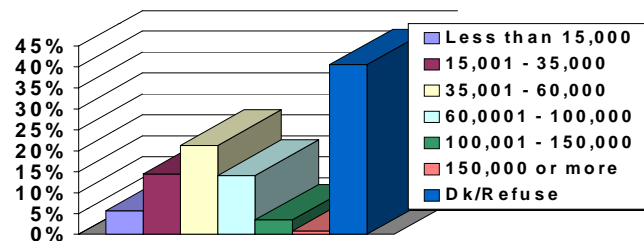
Age Distribution



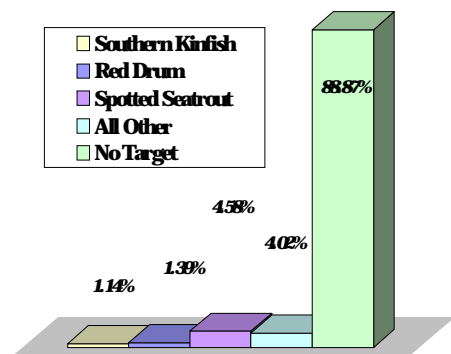
Employment Status



Household Income Distribution



Primary Species Targeted on Intercepted Trip



Stated Effects of Regulation & Catch Rate Changes on Days Spent Fishing

| Did you change the # of days you fished based on: | % OF ANGLERS RESPONDING: | DIRECTION OF CHANGE | AVERAGE DAYS CHANGED |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| CHANGE IN REGULATIONS | YES: 6% NO: 93% D/K: 1% | Increase: 22% Decrease: 78% | 4 32 |
| CHANGE IN CATCH RATES | YES: 5% NO: 92% D/K: 3% | Increase: 23% Decrease: 77% | 1 7 |

*The data are representative of the anglers surveyed and may not be reflective of the population of this state.